

## Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

The BSA medical program through Aetna provides coverage (based on the terms of each of the Plans 1-4) for rental or purchase of durable medical and surgical equipment that is:

- Ordered by a physician
- Needed to:
  - Treat a disease or injury
  - Improve body function lost due to disease, injury or congenital abnormality
- Made to withstand prolonged and repeated use
- Appropriate for home use
- Safe and effective for use without medical supervision

**Note:** Expendable supplies are covered when:

- Required to operate durable medical equipment and prosthetic devices
- Needed for medically necessary therapy in the home

Coverage Details: Precertification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some DME items require precertification.</li><li>• All other DME items do not require precertification or referral.</li></ul>
Rental: Monthly Rental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aetna reimburses DME rental on a monthly basis.</li><li>• Aetna reimburses rentals once per month regardless of number of units billed.</li><li>• Exception: Aetna reimburses custom-made DME items as a purchase.</li></ul>
Rental: Continuous Rental Participating Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aetna allows continuous rental for some equipment. Aetna does not cap payment at the purchase price.</li><li>• Go to Participating Provider Continuous Rentals for a list of the equipment.</li></ul>
Rental: Participating Provider Rent to Purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aetna caps rentals at the contracted purchase price for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ DME items on the DME rental items list</li><li>◦ Participating providers</li><li>◦ Non-facilities providers</li></ul></li><li>• Payment takes place over a minimum of 10 months.</li><li>• Aetna denies claims submitted once the purchase price met.</li></ul> <p>Exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DME items not on the DME rental items list</li><li>• Purchase only DME items</li></ul>

Additional criteria may apply. Information regarding transitioning from CIGNA and HIP Prime to Aetna will soon be available.